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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2";

Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 7";

Claim 9, line 1, delete "anyone of claims 6 to 8" and

insert --claim 6--.

## **REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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